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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Robert M. "Bob" Lawless was accepted into the
3 Steamfitter Local 353 Joint Apprenticeship and Training
4 Committee (JATC) on October 10, 1969, and initiated into
5 Steamfitters Local 353 on February 27, 1970; he served his
6 5-year apprenticeship, turning out as a journeyman on April 4,
7 1974; and

8 WHEREAS, Bob Lawless worked for 34 years in the field
9 mostly as a HVAC tech; during this time, he served various
10 officers positions, starting with the union secretary's
11 position and working his way up to executive board and finally
12 Business Manager of Steamfitters Local 353 in January of 2003;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Bob Lawless has always been generous with his time
15 and talents, giving back to the apprentices as well as the
16 journeymen; he taught for many years in the JATC
17 apprenticeship; he was appointed to help design the new
18 training facility for Steamfitters Local 353 in May of 1997 and
19 his excellence in design and his knowledge in the area of HVAC
20 made him a valuable person on the committee; he gave many
21 volunteer hours to this project; and

22 WHEREAS, Bob Lawless also served as a trustee on the health

1 and welfare and pension plans for his local union for over 20
2 years, rising to Chairman of both committees; he was a member
3 of the executive board of the West Central Illinois Building
4 and Construction Trades Council, serving as Vice-President; he
5 also was appointed as a Vice-President of the Illinois Pipe
6 Trades Association; and

7 WHEREAS, Bob Lawless always put the members of Steamfitters
8 Local 353 before his own personal interests; he has been a
9 loyal and devoted union member, giving back both to the union
10 and his community; he understands that excellence in the field
11 and in training will be the driving force in building a better
12 future for generations to come; and

13 WHEREAS, Bob Lawless retired as Business Manager of
14 Steamfitters Local 353 on February 1, 2015 after 46 years of
15 dedicated service; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
17 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
18 recognize Robert M. "Bob" Lawless for his 46 years of dedicated
19 service to the Steamfitters Local 353; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to Bob Lawless as a symbol of our respect and esteem.